Today's News - Tuesday, July 14, 2009

- We lose a pioneer of British Modernism.
- Musgrave on the need for a globally-recognized unit of "green": "Has concern around greenwashing caused a backlash against items that are legitimately sustainable in their design?"
- Demand for green buildings in Miami are keeping some architects busy even during the construction downturn.
- Robert Adam on why the Chelsea Barracks brouhaha "could be the watershed for the new era" in "traditional urbanism...the only new thing in architecture that can really be called a movement."
- An in-depth look at what's happened to big development dreams in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, leaving it "New York's version of the collapsing exurban 'boomburbs' in Florida and Arizona" (it might not be such a bad thing in the long run).
- Kamin monitors the progress (or lack thereof) of Chicago Children's Museum's still-controversial move to Grant Park.
- "Arborocide" (and a concrete bench that "has all the aesthetic appeal of an off-ramp on I-95") at Lincoln Center has critics riled.
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- Istanbul's shiny new mosque - designed by women.
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- Two we couldn't resist: a compilation of the fallout following a Gehry "smackdown"; and a video of Hadid's billowing Bach pavilion in Manchester, and why she "couldn't resist the idea of creating the perfect 'liquid space'" for his music.
- Happy Bastille Day!
Ennis Anyone? Despite preservationist outcry, sale of Frank Lloyd Wright Ennis House could be its salvation...according to a number of preservation groups involved...there was simply no choice, despite their own misgivings. Preserving the house came first. [images]- The Architect's Newspaper

General Motors design landmark gets second life - as a school: The Argonaut Building in Detroit was once the center of GM design. It is being renovated to become College for Creative Studies...the project is one of Detroit's little-noted green shoots. - - Albert Kahn (1936); Albert Kahn Associates; Luce et Studio [images]- AutoWeek.com

Call for entries: Reburbia: a design competition dedicated to re-envisioning the suburbs; deadline: August 1- Inhabitat.com / Dwell

Smackdown: Frank Gehry Smackdown: Iconic Architecture vs. Public Space -- Fred Kent/Project for Public Spaces [links]- Curbed Los Angeles

Video: Zaha Hadid's billowing Bach pavilion in Manchester: Despite having failed to learn the piano as a child, Hadid explains why she and her firm couldn't resist the idea of creating the perfect 'liquid space' to listen to JS Bach- Guardian (UK)

Market Research Strategies in Uncertain Times #2: Finding Leads that one can act on right away is a difficult task, especially during tough economic times, but these strategies can help. By Frances Gretes- ArchNewsNow

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